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I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement by the Presidency of the European Union on the Sudan issued on 14 January 1999 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Statement on the Sudan issued on 14 January 1999 by the Presidency of the European Union

The European Union strongly requests the Government of the Sudan and all other parties to the armed conflict in southern Sudan to extend the current ceasefire which expires on 15 January 1999 to all parts of the country without any time limit in order to facilitate humanitarian assistance to the suffering people of the Sudan.

At the same time, the European Union equally supports the mission of the Presidency of the Intergovernmental Authority for Development Partners Forum for the Sudan to the region, which is scheduled for the end of January 1999.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated country Cyprus and the countries of the European Free Trade Association members of the European Economic Area align themselves with the present statement.